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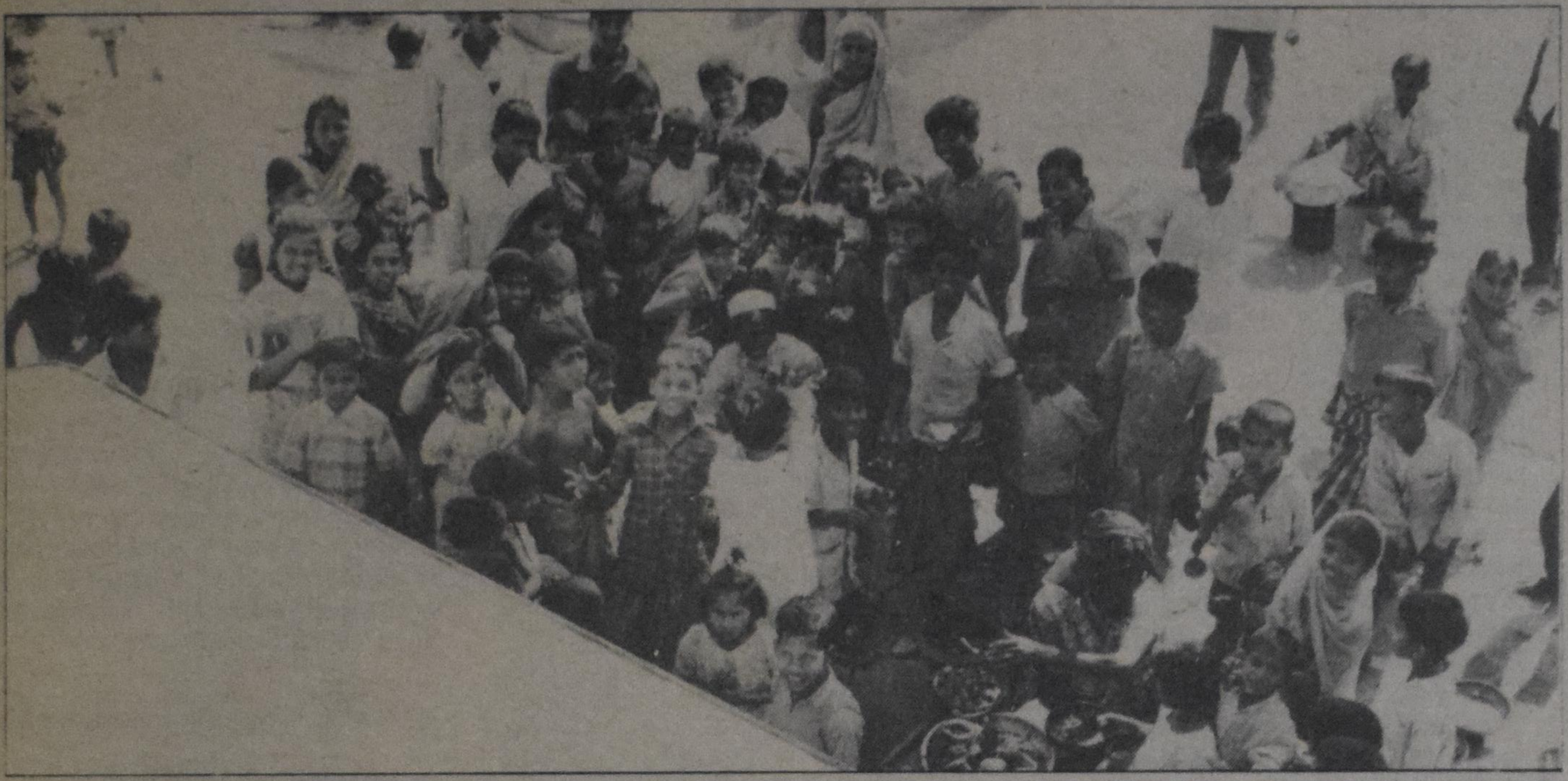

Bengali crowd gathers to watch the "foreigners".

Bangladesh - a humbling experience

by Nancy Van Der Puy

David and Nancy Van Der Puy are members of the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee [CRWRC] team working in the Bogra District of Bangladesh. This is a record of their first impressions.

BANGLADESH - We are in our cold season here: daily temperatures are around 70-75 degrees. Don't be envious: in a few months it will be over 100 every day and we will long for Canadian winters. We are entering the storm season now -- tornadoes and bad winds. Our house is built like a fortress -- solid cement, but our village friends often lose roofs or entire houses in the storms.

Dave has forfeited some of his language lessons to start work because of the urgent need to get things planted before the rainy season. He has hired four Bengali agricultural workers. He will help these four men set up offices and vegetable plots in areas near here (5-30 miles). These men will do the manual labor for the plots, using our seeds and our techniques to grow several different kinds of vegetables (cauliflower, cabbage, broccoli, carrots, soybeans). Dave will visit their plots once or twice a week, work with them, and also do a lot of hand work in our own large garden near our home. The purpose of all this is to demonstrate to farmers in our district that protein-rich vegetables can be grown, rather then just rice. The program seems to be quite well accepted; the vegetables grow well in the rich Bangladesh soil.

This week we visited one of the new office sites by motorcycle. This site is about 30 miles away from Bogra. The first 13 miles is paved; after that, it is mud (now, in the dry season, it is dust). It took us two hours to go the 3o miles. After leaving the paved road, we went through several small villages. In one of them, it was bazaar day. Bazaars happen twice a week, on different days for different villages. There were hundreds of people and I think every one of them gathered to see the main attraction -- us! When we escaped from the people, we got trapped in the parking lot, but instead of cars, it was jammed with water buffalo. They are huge, ferocious-looking animals, but as gentle as kittens.

Then to get to Dave's office, we had to cross three rivers. The first was spanned with a rickety bamboo bridge, but we made it safely across, motorcycle and all. Aftere half an hour, we came to another river,too big for a bridge, but a ferry waited for us.The ferry was made of two large canoes with bamboo and wood in between. I doubted that it would hold us and our motorcycles but when a horse, it's wagon, two goats, a cow and her calf, and 10 people got on, I prayed! We made it across, only to face the next river with no bridge, no ferry, nothing.It turned out to be only a foot deep. We made it to the office site with no more trouble, and enjoyed tea and cookies with the important men of the village.

We make trips like this quite often and run into similar situations. No matter where we go we're stared at, especially in the far-out villages, 10 or more miles off the main road. In the villages we never see women; they are supposed to stay in the seclusion in the home. I am sure a lot of the people have never seen people with light-colored skin. Little children often cry in fright at the sight of us -- a humbling experience! Even so the people of Bangladesh are very hospitable; they will go out of their way to make us comfortable. The poorest people, who can't afford tea for themselves, will offer it to us.

Beggars are common here. We give to some but it's a real dilemma, sometimes because beggars are often richer than the hard-working people. Some begging is a racket and the ringleaders will go so far as to kidnap little children, maim them and force them to beg. We only give to obvious victims of disease. In a Moslem society, beggars serve a purpose. Good muslims, who want to get to heaven, must give to beggars. So beggars feel they are helping a person on his way to heaven, it is a sad thing to see.

God has come to mean much to us here. The major religion is Muslim and the second most popular, Hindu. We see so much paganism and false worship and so many people falling prey to it. Some of our workers are very much interested in Christianity, but it is hard for them to take the final step of accepting Christ. It could mean a total rejection from their family and friends and even persecution. We'd like to ask you to pray for these people.

Dave and Nancy Van Der Puy

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BIBLES FOR UGANDA

UGANDA (EP) - More than 40,000 Bibles and New Testaments are to be sent by Britain's Bible Society to Uganda, in East Africa.

The society said some of the scriptures, which are in 12 Ugandan languages and in English, are already in stock, awaiting binding, but a large number are being reprinted.

It marks the first time the full New Testament has appeared in two of the languages - Lumasaaba, spoken by about 400,000 Ugandans, and Magdi, spoken by about 90,000.

ORDINATION ONLY POSTPONED

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (EP) - The Vatican's declaration excluding women from ordination to the Catholic priesthood is only a "temporary postponement" of the inevitable, according to a Catholic scholar at Temple University here.

Dr.Leonard Swidler, says that the Vatican's own Bible commission stated that women priests cannot be rejected on Biblical grounds.

LEAVE RHODESIA

RHODESIA (EP) - Some Brethren in Christ missionaries will be withdrawn from this country under a phased withdrawal plan to begin in April, according to the Mennonite Central Committee.

The plan was designed jointly by the Brethren in Christ board for missions in North America and the executive board of the church in Rhodesia. A continuing missionary presence is expected to be maintained in Bulawayo, southwestern Rhodesia, the centre of church activity.

JAPANESE CHURCH

TOKYO (EP) - The Language Institute for Evangelism (LIFE) will start a church in a suburb of this large city by teaching conversational English. In 1975, LIFE opened an English centre in another Tokyo suburb by establishing a team effort consisting of two short term North American missionaries, one Japanese pastor and a Japanese secretary. The group is now preparing a similar ministry in another part of the city.

Attendance at the LIFE church has been around 30 members. There are more than 7,000 churches that have an average of 19 members in attendance on a Sunday morning.

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VIEWPOINT

by Keith Knight

The awe-inspiring world

The airport terminal was busy as usual. Thousands of people lingered around both the arrivals and departures sections of the international airport. Multi-million dollar 707s and their variations took-off and landed like flies on strawberry jam.

It was an overcast day, the clouds covered the airport like a fluffy, woolen blanket. People and planes came and went. They would disappear into the clouds. Relatives out on the airport's observation deck soon saw them become absorbed by the "sky".

But for those in the warm confines of the Jumbo, it was the beginning of an awe-inspiring trip. Their world did not end at the clouds for they now formed their footstool. Beyond the clouds there is always sun and anyone who flies has been witness to an entirely new world.

When it is raining on the earth, it is still radiantly bright beyond those clouds.

It must have been that sort of radiance which Paul visualized when he wrote his letter to the church in Colossae. Because Christ was raised from the dead, we need no longer be preoccupied with life on earth. We don't need to see the gloom that comes with materialism, greed or immorality.

Set your minds on things above, where Jesus Christ is, Paul writes. Look skyward where you will see His radiance and where life is awesome. Anyone who has had occasion to fly can relate to that. You break through the dreary, gloomy clouds into a gloriously bright world. Your mood changes almost instantaneously from depression to gleaming joy.

And since Christ broke through the cloud of sin and misery as he entered heaven, so we can do the same by setting our sights on high. Keep your minds fixed there, not on things here on earth, Paul writes. "Your real life is Christ, and when he appears, then you too will appear with him and share his glory!" We can see the rays of God's love penetrating those sinful, earthly clouds. We know that His Son shines brightly but it is obscured by those miserable clouds around us.

But if we break through the clouds of evil passion and greed we can bathe in the light of his Son until the time when He appears again, then we will share in the full glory.

Set your sights on God above. That means shedding our clothing of anger, passion and hateful feelings and putting on new robes of compassion, kindness and patience.

As a young boy I used to enjoy the Victoria Day celebrations. While I was too young (by parental standards) to take in local celebrations, I joined my brothers and sister on the first storey roof just out of our second storey bedroom windows for the evening fireworks display.

It was a time when the entire sky would light up with sparkling colors. The ohhhhhs and ahhhhhs from the nearby park reached even the tin roof and no kid on the block would miss that showing for the world.

It would have been silly to spend that precious time glancing over the back yard or down into the garbage bin from our high vantage point. All of the "action" was up in the sky. It was as awe-inspiring for a tiny tot as ... as ... as looking up to heaven for a Christian.

We not only see a few bursts of light in a darkened sky but we see constant outpouring of light from God's throne. Set your minds on things above, where Jesus Christ is.

Keith Knight

NEWS VIEWS

The election

SASKATOON, SASK. -- Two recent provincial by-elections, held here, tell the story of the national political mood. The Progressive Conservatives claimed victories in the by-elections, capturing seats which traditionally were held by Liberals.

Saskatchewan Premier Allan Blakeney, a New Democrat, said the Conservative wins were an indication of the loss of support for the Liberal party. He said that by-election results do not reflect voter discontent with his NDP government's policies.

The Conservative leader, Dick Collver, said the results simply reflect their growing popularity within the province and predicted a provincial win in the next general election in 1979.

Looking at the national political scene, there were rumblings in Ottawa a while back about a possible election "soon", to be called by Prime Minister Trudeau. Those rumors were circulating shortly after his Washington visit which boosted his popularity and confidence at home.

Those rumblings were quickly silenced, however, when he indicated that a federal election might be called in the middle of 1978. His momentary popularity in the wake of the Washington visit certainly was not enough for him to gain an assured re-election, especially with an air of uncertainty within Quebec over the separatism question, and the Liberal party's Anti-Inflation Program, along with high unemployment.

Those are real issues which must be dealt with in a positive manner before the Prime Minister even dares consider a federal election.

The federal Liberals have five seats to fill through by-elections in Quebec. The results of those by-elections will certainly guage public opinion in the separatist-destined province.

Liberal victories in those federal by-elections would surely result in the call of a federal election. Victories which indicate a vote for separatism would undoubtedly bring about a delay in an election call. A great deal must be resolved before Mr. Trudeau makes any election commitment.

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by Dr.Louis Praamsma

THE WORLD AROUND US

Pacifism III

Pacifism: no defence, no army. Again I ask the question: Does it work, does it really work?

During the last two months the word "raid" appeared repeatedly in the newspapers. What is a raid? It is an unexpected attack by a band of armed men who do what they want to do,take what they desire and often kill without provocation.

May I give you some examples? On the first day of February, the Washington Post informed its readers about a raid from Cambodia into Thailand. Last week we saw how the Cambodian communist clique treats the citizens of that hapless country; how a raid was organized and executed against some villages in the neighboring country of Thailand, the former Siam.

The attack was branded by deputy minister Bamrungphong of Thailand as "uncivilized, inhuman and brutal." Between 200 and 400 troups, heavily armed with rifles, grenades and rockets, assaulted three neighboring villages, burned houses, destroyed stored crops and killed 29 villagers, 11 women and 11 children. The deputy minister added: "If it had not been planned, they couldn't have done it with such co-ordination. It was planned to threaten our sovereignty."

On the front pages of Bangkok newspapers (Bangkok is the capital of Thailand) grisly photographs of the victims were shown, many of them slashed to death with bayonets. After all this happened the government of Thailand put its army on alert.

I met the word "raid" earlier, on Dec. 21 1976, in connection with an attack on a tea plantation in Rhodesia, near the Mozambique border. Twenty-six black workers were abducted by guerilla's from that plantation and machine-gunned; in addition to them seven men were wounded.

That border area has been the scene of strikes by guerillas in the last six months of 1976. Roads have been mined, cars ambushed, stores and beer halls burned and black villagers killed.

The reason? Two reasons were mentioned. The first one was the "strengthening of the hands" of the black politicians during the Geneva talks on a settlement in Rhodesia. The second one was the discouraging of blacks from working in the guerilla operation areas. I can add a third one: frightening the people into co-operation with the guerillas.

The raid which followed got a lot of publicity: 400 students from the Lutheran mission school in Manama, aged 11 to 21, were abducted to neighboring Botswana. Some of them managed to escape. The parents were desperate. When they finally were admitted to their children, for a short time, most of them appeared to have been brainwashed; they are recruits now for the guerilla army.

A raid followed on the Roman Catholic missions school in Musami; seven R.C. missionaries, including four nuns, were marched from their quarters and then gunned down by black guerillas. Three of the victims were British, three West German and one Irish. Black archbishop Chakaipa expressed in a telegram his anger on this "deplorable act of violence against seven messengers of Christ's love."

The reason? There is no doubt in my mind that these missionaries were killed for Christ's sake; and, of course, terror and again terror is the climate of guerilla's. After that raid a new one was executed against the Nyashanu mission 125 miles southeast of Salisbury, close to the Mozambique border. No casualties were reported this time, but offices were burned and looted.

What must Ian Smith do now? Must he abandon the country of which he is the prime minister to people who use this kind of methods? Must he act like the ostrich who hides his head in the sand and forget about all that happened in Cambodia and Mozambique? In the last mentioned country the production of food dwindled to 25% compared with the period before the communist take-over. From the 220,000 Portuguese who lived there in that time 190,000 went away to other countries, and 30,000 are being re-educated in camps. Perhaps this sounds normal in the ears of a pacifist, but I would prefer the words of Art. 36 of the Belgic Confession: "We believe that our gracious God, because of the depravity of mankind, has appointed kings, princes and magistrates; willing that the world should be governed by certain laws and policies; to the end that the dissoluteness of men might be restrained, and all things carried on among them with good order and decency. For this purpose He has invested the magistracy with the sword, for the punishment of evildoers and for the protection of them that do well."

Peterborough, church marks 25th

by Alice Los

The last weekend in February marked the 25th anniversary of the Cephas CRC of Peterborough, Ont. On Friday morning many Christian Reformed homes must have been tuned in to the weatherman. His good news could only be added to the many other blessings that were to be remembered in the coming days.

That night the children of the Bible school enjoyed their own special program in a combined gathering of all classes in the basement of the church. A selection of slides and a short film were used to acquaint them with the highlights of 25 years of congregational life. They went home happily clutching a cup, filled with candies and decorated with a picture of their church.

Also on Friday, two of our former ministers, Rev. H. Moes accompanied by his wife and Rev. Numan Jr., accompanied by his wife and family, came all the way from Grand Rapids,Mich. and Vancouver, B.C. respectively, to join us in our festivities.

On Saturday morning many former members and people who have ties with our congregation, prepared to travel to our fair city in the Kawarthas. They, as well as those who travelled on the day before, no doubt came accompanied by many prayers for their safe arrival.

Meanwhile, the organizing committee which had been busy for many weeks, scurried to get everything ready in time. Throughout the weekend their remarkable competence would be evident in many great and small matters.

Congregation and guests had been invited to a pot-luck supper that evening which was to be followed by a program of praise and reflection. At 5:30 p.m. a steady stream of happy people filled into the halls of one of our city's modern secondary schools. Old friends greeted one another enthusiastically and especially Rev. and Mrs. Moes who had shared the first difficult years with the congregation, were the centre of much loving attention.

When everybody had found a place at one of the festively decorated tables, the big cafetaria was almost filled to capacity. Observing the sea of faces, Rev. D.C. Los, the present pastor, said he felt like a father of many nations! He led in prayer and asked for the blessing upon the food which was then served in abundance. Another token of God's goodness!

The program, presented in the auditorium of the same school and under the able leadership of Mrs. Truus De Bruyn, reflected God's wonderful grace and faithfulness so beautifully evident throughout the past 25 years.

At one point the thankfulness of the congregation was expressed in the unveiling of a new, gracefully simple communion set.

When the ministers who had served Cephas were introduced, the recent passing of Rev. Klaas Hart was again sadly remembered.

When the many facets of Rev. Moes' work as a home missionary were recalled, the audience remembered the comforting support he and his wife had given them in times of hardship, loneliness and confusion and they gave him a standing ovation!

On Sunday morning slightly slippery roads could not keep the people from coming to the house of the Lord for a service of praise and thanksgiving. In song and prayer and with special musical renditions they honered their God Who had brought and guided them thus far.

Rev. H. Moes (almost 87!) spoke of God's lovingkindness and faithfulness when he proclaimed His Word from Gen. 32 : 10.

After the service old friends again reminisced over a cup of coffee in the basement of the church. The celebration came to a close with a well attended evening service in which Rev. H. Numan Jr. preached on Psalm 46:4, "There is a river". With one accord the congregation sang as their doxology the Dutch "Avondlied" in a translation by the late Rev. K. Hart and they left the church with these words still ringing in their ears:

"I know the Rock which faileth never
No one can fail who trusts His might!"

CHURCH NEWS

Christian Reformed

Called

- to Smithville, Ont., Rev.Harry Bierman of Ingersoll, Ont.
- to York, Ont., Rev. Jerry Hoytema of Sarnia (Second), Ont.
- to Georgetown, Ont., as second minister, Rev.Jerry Hoytema of Sarnia (Second), Ont.

Church united

After having been divided into two churches for three years, the Woodstock congregations have re-united. On Jan.1 a special reconcilliation service was held. The name of the church was changed to Maranatha and Rev. H.Eshuis of Barrie, Ont. will soon be installed as pastor.

Minister retires

Rev.Arthur Schaafsma of Smithville, Ont., retired from active ministry on Feb.15. His farewell sermon was preached March 13 in the morning worship service. Rev.Schaafsma's temporary address, for correspondence only, is 135 Wellington St., Waterdown, Ont., Box 719.

The clerks of vacant churches are requested to keep Calvinist Contact informed of the names of the ministers they call; the ministers are asked to notify the paper of their decisions to either accept or decline the call.

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There will be discussion of what marriage is, of cummunication, of sexuality, of various joys and problems couples encounter in today's world. Couples will be encouraged to become aware of their own style of relating to each other as well as that of others.

If you are planning a wedding, why not spend some time in planning your marriage? Call 489-3350 if you want to attend. Registration will be limited to allow maximum participation by each couple.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 8 Christian Choir "New Life" will present J.H.Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary". Concert to take place in the Maranatha CRC, 301 Scott St., St.Catharines, at 8 p.m.

April 16 Christian Labour Association of Canada 25th year Convention, Silverthorne Collegiate, Mill Rd. , Etobicoke, Toronto, Ont.

April 29 Marriage enrichment Conference at Aurora Conference Centre, Aurora, Ont., April 29-31, sponsored by Salem Chr.Health Association.

April 30 Tenth annual meeting of Women's Action for the AACS, Brampton (Second) CRC, Ont., Steeles St. and McLaughlin Road.

May 14 25th anniversary choral concert by the Christian Choir "New Life" of St.Catharines, Ont., 301 Scott St., St.Catharines, Ont. Time: 8 p.m.

Christ and Crisis Winter Lectures

Mar.28 Speaker: Ed VanderKloet, editor of the Guide, about labour. Rehoboth CRC, 800 Burnhampthorpe Rd. Etobicoke, Toronto.

April 18 Speaker: David Steen, manager of an advertising agency, about advertising. Rehoboth CRC, 800 Burnhampthorpe Rd. Toronto, 8.p.m.

Andre Knevel Organ and Choir Concerts

Mar.19 Hamilton, Ont., at the First CRC, 181 Carlton Ave.W., at 8:15 p.m.

April 2 Woodstock, Ont. at Central United Church, corner Ridell and Adelaide Streets, at 8:15 p.m.

April 23 Fonthill, Ont., at Fonthill Baptist Church, corner Church and South Pelham Streets, at 8:00 p.m.

May 7 St.Catharines, Ont., at St.Thomas Anglican Church, Ontario St., at 8:15 p.m.

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LETTERS

Bandwagon too negative, says minister

Dear Sir:

I am very thankful for Calvinist Contact and for the services it renders to the Reformed community in Canada. May God bless the editorial council, the editor and publisher Mr.Knight, and all those who write in this paper and read it. May Calvinist Contact continue to be a source of Christian information and a well-spring of genuine inspiration.

My criticism aims to be constructive. As I use some descriptive words I want to be precise in my criticism. The article The Evangelical Bandwagon (editorial, Feb.18) did not agree with my christian sensitivities.

First of all this article is too abstract: the first line of the mentioned article in the Feb. 18 issue is very negative: ''Wherever we turn today we hear about people being born again, people who have finally seen the light. People who have left their well-paying jobs to live in a Christian commune.''

This line is therefore so negative because the author ends the next paragraph with the words: ''I am concerned.'' Mr.Knight is concerned with news reports of actors, actresses, singers, dancers, Olympic stars and the like who reportedly have been born again.'' I wonder why this negativism.

It is my conviction that the concern about the matter becomes rather abstract as we know one person in our surroundings who recently was born again in a genuine way. Then we feel more like praising the Lord of glory than raising the finger of criticism. By talking about those who may not have had a genuine experience and failing to mention the positive we deal too much with abstractions and seem to forget those very concrete persons whose lives have been touched by the Lord.

Secondly this article lacks in precision. The term: Evangelical Bandwagon is introduced but not clearly defined. There is not too much wrong with the word ''evangelical'', it seems, since Mr.Knight states ''This newspaper is a member of the Evangelical Press Association.'' As to ''Bandwagon'', I am not familiar with them and never have seen an evangelical bandwagon. The lack of precision is also found in the fact that throughout the article questions are raised which are not answered. The article appears under Viewpoint but rather than giving a positive point of view the author raises negative, indignant questions.

These negative questions in turn seem to introduce a view of life that is rather fearful.I think that the reformed public would be helped more by a positive clear explanation of what it means to be born again and to live a new Christian life.

Thirdly, the article is rather confused. Mr.Knight seems to say that on the one hand many people claim to be born again yet on the other hand there are so many nominal church-members. He mentions this fact suggesting that therefore many of the new births are not real. However, to see such a logical connection means to be rather confused in our thinking.

In the Reformed community we pretty well agree that nominal church membership on our continent is caused by liberalism as well as secularism. The combined influence of both forces could be so great (and indeed is) on church life that Mr.Knight's Bandwagon is not responsible at all for the deadness in church life.

This rather negative piece of writing is meant to stimulate the staff of C.C. to be positive. Again, I am only writing in a negative way in order to indicate clearly what I mean. Let's not write so abstract with such lack of precision and so confused.

It is my wish and prayer that the writers of C.C. will keep in mind the admonitions of scriptures.

Philippians 4:8 ''Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.''

Rev.Riemer Praamsma
Wallaceburg, Ont.

God's chosen people

Dear Sir:

With interest I have read the articles and letters in Calvinist Contact about Israel and the discussion about whether the Jewish people are to be considered God's chosen people. As Peter M.Jonker pointed in his article, ''De religieuze betekenis van het land Israel,'' there are many people who see Israel as God's people and believe that God looks upon the Jewish people with special favor.

I find it difficult to believe that God is like that and find myself in agreement with Mr. Jonker's article. The only way to be pleasing to God is through faith in Jesus and trust in Him as our Saviour. This applies equally to Jew and Gentiles. So what makes Israel special and superior? Is not everyone equal before God?

That there is no special merit in being a descendent from Abraham is evident in Matthew 3:7-9: ''But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism he said unto them''O generation of vipers who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance. And think not within yourselves, we have Abraham as our father, for I say unto you that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

It could be argued that the Jews have more than their share of prominent and famous people and think of this as evidence for the superiority of the Jewish ''race'' or of God's special favor. This attitude seems to be quite prevalent among christians.

I believe the reason for their success is in the strong sence of identity of the Jews and a strong tradition in scholarship rather than inherent superiority. God does have a plan with Israel as he has a plan with all people.

H. Kamink
Kingston, Ontario.

Appalled

Dear Sir:

I am appalled about the reply of Rev.Peter De Jong (Feb.18) to the article of Dr.Kooistra, ''Does Scripture allow women in office.''(Jan. 14).

It is one thing to differ with him of opinion on this matter, it is quite another to pass on him and all those that think alike, the curses of Rev.22. If there was ever a gross violation of taking the bible out of context, here you have one.

I hope that this has not been the intention of Rev.De Jong. In that case he should be more careful with his replies in the future. On the other hand, why did Rev.De Jong conclude his letter in that way?

K.Brobbel
St.Thomas, Ont.

A growing Canadian Church

Dear Sir:

This letter is written in reaction to ''Ashamed of Being Dutch?'' by N.D.J.Hogeveen. (Feb.11)

Mr.Hogeveen has raised an issue here that I have been struggling with for some time personally, yet I've come to realize that it is a relatively minor problem from the perspective of eternity.

As a young person born of Dutch parents in the United States I don't feel any attraction to the Old Country or a pride in heritage. I can't even speak the language. It is for that reason that I feel a sense of dismay when our minister puts a Dutch phrase in his sermon for want of a better English one, or when we sing ''Ere zij God.'' I can't sing it. I know that some of our young people feel that a certain amount of fellowship is lost in the church when this occurs because we are not ''fellowshipping'' in voice although we can in spirit. It could be nice for the sake of the Canadian young people to have services entirely in English. No, I'm not ashamed of being Dutch but we're in Canada now and we have to anticipate the needs of a growing Canadian church.

I find it shameful that Mr.Hogeveen feels so much pride in his Dutch heritage. Dutch people are no better than anyone else - the Bible clearly shows that man is sinful to the very core. World renowned artistry, world famous products and having the largest oil firm aren't going to save the valiant Dutch people.

I also find it shameful that Mr.Hogeveen thinks it is necessary to slander his fellow Christians just because they don't share his viewpoint. To quote: ''My guess is that those people so violently opposed to the use of Dutch in any way, shape or form have none of the good traits of the Dutch but instead are intolerant, lazy, unimaginative and foolish. Somebodey should remind him that we ought to build eachother up, not break down as this author is attempting to do.

I disagree with Mr.Hogeveen's point that we have a Dutch reputation to uphold. We are nothing special, nothing at all except that we are in Christ - which is everything. Holland and Canada and languages will pass away - it is Christ that counts, so let's uphold Christ, not our heritage.

Alice van Veen
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Women are still "helpers"

Dear Sir:

Many a book has been written, also papers and magazines, about women in office. To top it all off we find the same questions in our churches and magazines. Even Christians are struggling with this. Reason after reason they do come up with. At least the people of the Anglican churches have made up their mind (Biblical mind?) and installed women in the ministry as ministers, the headlines you could see on the front pages of most newspapers.

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Churches, synods and study committees formed by churches are struggling. Why? The latter should at least know what the Bible says about it. Report 46 in the Acts of Synod 1975 ends with, May the Lord of the church guide synod in its consideration of this matter before it. Are our churches and it's professors and doctors not able to solve this matter once and for all?

Do we all listen to what the Lord our God has to say to us?

-God spoke and it existed.

-God said and it was there.

-The Lord God created man.

-The Lord God commanded man.

-The Lord God made a covenant with man.

-The Lord God made man to his own image.

-The Lord God said: it is not good for man to be alone.

All these things God did before Eve was created out of man. Adam was created by God in the likeness of His Image, (not Eve?) God made her a helper, not a slave, to fulfill what God had in mind. Adam received his command from the Lord to rule over all things he made and created, that included Eve.

Have you ever thought of why God has always ordained man, because of His own likeness. God should have done the same for women, but has not done so. If God talked to the man He talked to Adam, God talked to Adam (they both heard Him walking through the Garden of Eden) "Where are you and why do you know you are naked?" Herewith God blamed Adam for the lack of his duties.

Here Adam testified to God: "The woman you gave me did it." But God did not take it that lightly. Then God speaks to Eve what her duties are from now on and tells her what her place in life is from now on. God speaks mainly to men, but in a few cases He speaks to women once it comes back again to His covenant word He has made with Adam, like Eve, Sara, Elisabeth and Mary just to name a few, only because God has spoken to Eve what women's place is, to hammer it home and not to forget, because He has spoken.

If we now will listen what the Lord God speaks, says and has spoken, then what else matters? This is what counts, this is God's own word, even today. All things are going wrong if we do not listen to what He speaks and tells us. Look around you, every day again we are doing the opposite of God's Word. The same with who is boss and Who is

Women in office for change sake

Dear Sir:

The statements made by Dr. (Remkes) Kooistra and Rev. (Peter) De Jong in recent issues concerning the position of women in the church raise a few interesting points. To say that, since the churches in Holland have "abandoned the authority of the Bible in such matters as these (women in office), they are finding themselves powerless to stop their preachers who attack every doctrine" does not necessarily follow.

It may be true that many preachers in Holland are attacking many doctrines and it may also be true that women in Holland are gaining high positions in church offices but neither occurrence is necessarily dependent on the other.

The important point to note is that both Dr. Kooistra and Rev. De Jong point out that, although there is no actual Biblical statement that it is permissable and for the public's spiritual good that a woman be elected to any office in the church, there is also no passage which states that a woman should not. The calling of Deborah (Judges 4&5) to lead the people of Isreal as a woman general and the mention of Phoebe, the deaconess of the church at Canchreae (Rom.16:1), as examples, can be interpreted both ways and neither interpretation speaks against the position of the woman with regards to her importance in the Bible and her equality with man before God as saved by faith in Christ Jesus.

It does not seem to be God's intention to make either man or woman a hero in the Bible. When He called Deborah or Gideon (for example), He called 2 of the most incapable individuals He could find to emphasize His own role in Isreal's victories over their enemies. In fact, when Deborah was called, she thought it was good fun that God would deliver the enemy general into the hand of a "woman".

I, however, do find myself agreeing with Rev. De. Jong, in saying that it is not totally correct that a person can simply make a case for the inclusion of women in office by using vague Bible passages. In the church of today, as in many other sectors of society, man has the compulsion to "change for change's sake". In many cases the members of a church bow like limp willows to any new "wind" of change for no one whishes to be left behind.

In doing so, there might be reference made to the scriptures but, over-all, tradition is "thrown out the window". In many cases a person can use (or should I say manipulate) the scriptures for his own benefit in almost any strong argument but he cannot always (mis)use tradition in a similar manner. No one can totally be against all change but change without thought and guidance sees us tuning against the "faith of our fathers" which God has moulded for our benefit and teaching.

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Women "helpers"

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going to Who. We love to do our own ways day in day out, although God gave man the task to rule the world He has made with everything in it, He has spoken. This does mean still today we have to listen and to obey His Word. God has not just told man, but commanded to do so.

As soon as we disobey His Word we find ourselves with questions such as stated in the Acts of Synod. God gave us the Bible as a guide and we should be subject to that and everything shall be well with you. He says so. Women should be subject to men as man should be subject to God. Woman should not be above man in any way, shape or form. She is not allowed by God's Word, a helper "yes", a slave "no".

God's covenantal works are still here today, yet to fulfill His promises. He has held His promises until He almost did away with it, if He would not have found Noah as a righteous man. Because of this we are still here today, for God was sorry He made man. We might ask ourselves: why has God alsways appointed men such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Aaron, David, Salomon and even Jesus Himself. Because He said: Let us make man after our likeness. Even Jesus Himself picked men as His disciples; why not women as his disciples? If He would have done so He would have disobeyed His Father's command. He knew what His Father's commandments were, He was with His Father in the beginning.

The very same thing happened with the disciples. They too, picked men to further the Kingdom of God.

So we are so full of questions because He has spoken. Do we want to change that in human form to disobey Gods own words? It is not to say by man that women are to be slaves but helpers and then on Christ's coming again He will say: What have you done with My women and children and with My sons and daughters. You men, as I told you in the beginning, to be a father to them as I am a Father to you.

This is also part why Jesus was never married to any earthly woman, so we could only look up to Him as our Mediator and Saviour. Jesus said: You all are my brothers and sisters if you follow me then you will also follow in my Father's footsteps. Keep my commandments and it shall be well with you all the days I will give you on My world.

God, the Father and the Holy Spirit has spoken and we as men and women may humbly accept His: "I say so, I speak and I have spoken."

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by Rev. Ralph Heynen

PASTORAL COUNSELLING

Fear of failure

I recently conducted a discussion group on parent-child relationships. One of my fellow retired pastors was present and he made the observation that many people are suffering from failure. They are afraid of making a mistake. This grows out of perfectionism fostered by many books and articles on the subject of child rearing. There is the myth of the perfect parent, there is the myth of the "no-lose method" of bringing up children. We often read of mistakes that others have made in bringing up their children and the drastic results are seen in the lives of these youngsters. We were not perfect parents. We do tend to blame ourselves for the emotional bruises, the emotional fevers that they suffer. If we had been perfect parents they wouldn't have suffered such emotional traumas. But there isn't such a thing as perfect parents. Fortunately, the Lord allowed imperfect parents to bring up children, for it is more important to be truly human than to be perfect. Perfection may be the ultimate goal, we move toward it with rather slow steps knowing that we are not going to reach it while we are here in this life.

There are two incentives that drive people in today's society. Some have strong drive for success. Others go about their work with a fear of failure. There is not so much difference between these two except for the fact that the one is negative and the other is positive. When we press on toward success we are able to forget about the things that lie behind and move on toward better things ahead. But if we live with a fear of failure, we look back toward the mistakes that we have made and worry about them and wonder about the results of our failures. We're looking back too much of the time.

I like the positive approach because that enables us to move ahead, to do our best without being encumbered with feelings of guilt about failures that we have had in the past. We're not going to sit down and mope about the fact that we've failed but we're going to press forward recognizing that there are going to be more failures in the future but at the same time we are going to do our best. Living with guilt feelings about past failures is not a healthy way to live, it's not the best way to carry out your work.

We ought to set before ourselves the goal of reaching toward success, reaching toward the goals that we can set before us in our work. A man who works toward success has certain standards, he has certain things he wants to accomplish. He takes a positive approach toward life, failures and successes and tries to balance them off.

In a number of families you will find one black sheep, one boy or girl that causes the parents considerable concern. A father of four talked about his wayward son - three of the children were active in the church and in youth groups and they gave a fine Christian testimony, but there was one son who had been in trouble with the law and he was hard to deal with; wouldn't go to church or Bible Class and the father said, "Where have we gone wrong, we've done all we could for this boy"

He began to wonder whether the system of training children in the church and in the school and in the home was really worthwhile. One failure in the family clouded this man's vision. He could see that the other children were doing well and that this son didn't respond in the same way. Some will respond in a negative way to the training in the family but that doesn't mean that it is useless. It may mean that he is trying to get more attention.

In a high school survey of teenagers, one question on the questionnaire was, "What do you dislike most about your parents?" The most frequent answer was, "My parents expect too much of me." One girl wrote on her paper that her dad had been deeply disappointed in her when she didn't become president of her class He could not accept failure on her part.

The thing is, when children fail, must parents fail with them? Does this mean that if a child doesn't reach a certain goal that the parent has for him, does that mean that the parents have failed? Little League baseball games are an interesting study in personality. The boys and girls that play seem to enjoy it and seem to be competitive in a more healthy way often than their parents. Coaches tell us they have more trouble with parents than they have with the children because the boy doesn't get a chance to pitch or hit a home run.

Childhood is a special time in a person's life, it is a special time also for parents. No two people are more important to a child than his dad and mother and when you turn it about, no one is more important to us than our children and none of us like to have failure. We don't like to see children fail but we must accept failure. We may inquire as to why they failed, we may try to improve the situation, but we ought to look ahead and say, "How can we gain success and not allow ourselves to be beat down by failure?"

I'm always grateful that the Lord is going to use us to bring up His children. We know that we are not going to be perfect and that we are going to make mistakes. All the great men in the Bible also made mistakes because even though they were saints of God they were also sinners. But the over-mastering power of God in the lives of all of us enables us to see fruits on our sacrificial labors, not because we are perfect but because He uses our feeble efforts to guide the next generation. I like the statement that Jesus made to Mary after she anointed his feet and when she was being criticized - Jesus said, "She has done what she could." That's what he expects of us.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Live in the light of your successes and don't dwell in the shadow of your failures. This is also true in our spiritual life. We must not be fretting always about past sins, but rise to move ahead creatively in Christian living. We should learn to forget the things that are behind and move forward toward the lofty goals of Christian living to do the Father's will.

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The revival of authority

How much authority can one have?

by Rev.Henry Van Andel

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In our previous article we mentioned several examples from the Bible showing that God gives authority not only and exclusively to people having insight and wisdom, but in many cases also to people lacking such insight and wisdom. He can give authority to very sinful people. God can punish a country with an unwise ruler or uncapable government.

Before we draw our conlusions here, we must first see that God always gives authority to imperfect people. There is a danger to forget this. In our world He can only give authority to sinners. Even if a high placed person has a lot of insight according to our standards, he remains a sinful human being. God gives authority to sinful parents, sinful rulers, sinful officebearers, to people that are bound to make mistakes.

All this points to a rule with an exception. Let me underscore the rule first and then say something about the exception.

The rule is that we have to obey appointed authorities regardless of the question whether or not they have insight and wisdom. This is clear from the examples mentioned in our previous article. As long as they have their authoritive position in a legal way we have to recognize their authority (exousia) for God's sake and to be obedient. It is for this reason that in Lord's Day 39 of our Heidelberg Catechism we read that children must bear patiently with the weaknesses and shortcomings of their parents, because it pleases God to govern them by their hand. Sometimes the question is asked whether we must be obedient to governments which are ungodly in an outspoken way, say f.i. a communist government. The answer is: yes we must. Also here the general rule is first.

The Roman government in the days of Jesus and Paul was also ungodly in a very wicked way. Think of the so-called Caesar cult. However, Jesus recognized Caesar and Paul appealed to Caesar. In Romans 13 Paul does not distinguish between good and bad governments.He simply speaks of governing authorities and he states that every person has to be subject to them.

This general rule which always comes first is a great blessing. It is a wise rule of our heavenly Father. If we do not follow this rule we create a chaos in this world. This becomes clear when we ask the confusing question: Who has to determine whether an authority has insight and acts rightly, and therefore has to be obeyed or not? Is it up to the children to determine whether parents are capable educators and have insight and therefore are to be obeyed? Then the authority of parents depends on the judgment of teenagers. Is it, in the state, up to the citizens to determine whether a government has insight and is to be obeyed? Immediately opinions will differ. Some citizens will say: yes, our government acts with great wisdom, but others will say that the government is totally amiss in its legislation. If those who say the latter have the right to disobey, then they cause a revolutionary chaos.

Let me take an example which is very common today. Suppose - in case of a strike - a government orders an injunction by parliamentary decision: does this include that the laborers, who do not agree with such a decision, have the right to say: Parliament, you have no insight and therefore you have lost your authority so that we do not have to obey?

It is this revolutionary idea which is propagated today. This is entirely contrary to the scriptural concept of authority. Obedience to appointed authorities is to be shown for God's sake and does not depend on the judgment of those who have to obey. To say that it depends on the judgment of individuals or groups of individuals is pure subjectivism.

But now the exeption. There is a very special judgment of those who have to obey which is valid and allows disobedience, even more demands disobedience. When a government compels its citizens to do something which is in conflict with the Word of God, then we have to act according to the rule which was spelled out by Peter who said to the Sanhedrin: "We must obey God rather then men" (Acts 5:29).

However, this rule cannot be followed in a simplistic way. It includes many problems which are not easy to solve.

First we must remember that in such a case obedience may only incidentally be refused. This means that disobedience is only permitted and demanded with regard to the action which is in conflict with God's Word. In such a situation we may not conclude to a general disobedience all the way. When Nebuchadnezzar commanded that everyone was obliged to worship the golden image which he had erected, then Daniel's friends disobeyed him only on that point. Further they remained in his service.

When the apostles were admonished by the Sanhedrin not to proclaim the name of Jesus, they were only disobedient to this command, further they recognized the authority of the Sanhedrin. Usually we have to do here with incidental cases of disobedience and not with a total resistance.

A second problem is that there are always differences of opinion concerning the question whether and when we are obliged to obey God rather then man. Here we touch the difficult issue of personal freedom of conscience. The conscience of the one will be different from the conscience of the other. All kinds of conscientious objections can be brought forward. What about objections against military service or objections against taking an oath? I think of parents who belong to the Jehovah Witnesses and who refuse a blood transfusion for their dying little child. There are many more examples to mention. We realize that sometimes great problems are to be solved in this respect.

We cannot deny that the government has the duty - and therefore the right - to protect the lives of citizens when these lives are in danger. It is also the task of the government to examine very thoroughly whether a refusal of obedience has a conscientious character indeed. Here the way for fraud is wide open. Moreover a government has also the right to propose alternatives.In case of military service f.i. other ways of service can be required instead. And last but not least, there are obvious limits. By way of example I do not think that a government can recognize a conscientious objection to pay taxes.

However, it spite of all these considerations, which are to be taken into account, it will be clear that a government has to recognize the right of citizens to refuse orders because of conscientious objections. Practice always shows that there are many border cases in this respect which must be judged each on his own merits. We live in a free country, but it is not always easy to determine the measure of freedom.

A third problem in this connection is the question whether, from a Christian point of view, there are circumstances which warrant a total resistance. Are there situations in which it is right to overthrow a government? Can there be a Christian revolution? We do not think that we should enter into this question now. We hope to write on authority in the State later on in a separate article and to elaborate on it at that time.

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Als we spreken over geloof en trouw staat ons voor ogen het beeld van de vader die in zijn verloren zoon blijft geloven en in zijn trouw de ontrouwe blijft verwachten. Trouw wordt alleen in ons leven gevonden door gemeenschap met God, die getrouw is en "trouw houdt tot in eeuwigheid, en niet laat varen het werk Zijner handen". Great is Thy faithfulness, groot is Uw trouw, wat zingen we die hymn graag in de kerk en thuis. De trouw van God, onze Vader, heeft zich volkomen geopenbaard in Zijn Zoon, Jezus Christus. Hij is de gave Gods, die door Zijn Geest het de gelovige mogelijk maakt om "trouw" te zijn.

De Bijbel bezingt de trouw van God op vele bladzijden, en in allerlei toonaard. Zijn genadeverbond wordt ook wel Zijn trouwverbond genoemd. Zijn trouw is zo groot en sterk dat zij door niets en niemand kan worden gebroken.

Trouw is dat men zich gehouden weet en zich houdt aan aangegane verplichtingen, aan een verbond dat men gesloten heeft, aan een taak die men op zich genomen heeft, aan een roeping die men wil volgen. Dat blijkt uit allerlei uitdrukkingen in onze taal: de soldaten bleven trouw aan hun koning, hij komt trouw zijn belofte na, zij zijn trouwe vrienden, hij gaat trouw naar de kerk, hij blijft zijn vrouw, zij blijft haar man trouw, laat ons trouw blijven aan het Woord vanGod, en aan de beginselen. In al die uitdrukkingen gaat het om een daad. Trouw moet blijken!

Waarheid en trouw zijn nauw aan elkaar verbonden. Als ge waar zijt in uw spreken, zult ge ook trouw zijn in uw handelen. Bij de waarheid gaat het vaak om woorden, bij de trouw om daden.

Woord en daad zijn echter bij God een. De Hebreeuwse taal heeft voor beide zelfs hetzelfde woord. Als woorden en daden bij ons elkaar niet dekken, dan is er geen trouw. Als u in de wereld rondkijkt, en ook geen vreemde bent in uw eigen leven, dan zult u moeten toegeven dat woord en daad vaak met elkaar op gespannen voet staan. Er is teveel verschil tussen beide. En verschil dat betekent hier: tegenstelling.

God wil geen tegenstelling tussen woorden en daden. Hier zijn twee voorbeelden, die gemakkelijk te vermeerderen zijn; Niet b.v. belijdenis van geloof doen in de kerk, en daardoor instemmmen met de geloofsbelijdenis der kerk, b.v. zondag 38 van de Heidelbergse Catechismus waar staat: "dat ik op de rustdag tot de gemeente Gods naarstig kome om Gods Woord te horen enz." en dan toch telkens die gemeente laten vergaderen zonder zelf aanwezig te zijn. Woord en daad zijn dan niet gelijk. U bent dan geen trouwe kerkganger! Niet b.v. plechtig ja of "I do" zeggen in de tegenwoordigheid van God en getuigen op de vragen die gesteld werden bij de voltrekking van uw huwelijk, en dan toch uw man of uw vrouw bedriegen. Woord en daad zijn dan niet gelijk. U bent geen trouwe echtgenoot in dat geval! We zullen allen de worsteling moeten kennen om trouw te zijn. God wil fidele mensen! Woord en daad moeten in ons leven met elkaar in harmonie zijn.

De Heilige Geest wil die vrucht in ons leven doen groeien. En wij moeten de Heilige Geest niet bedroeven door Hem tegen te werken. Wij moeten strijden met alle kracht om zo te leven dat we trouwe kinderen zijn van een trouwe Vader. Kinderen die zich houden aan regels van het gezin waarvan God de Vader is, en Jezus de oudste Zoon. Een gezin waarin we ons alleen maar thuis kunnen voelen als we in de strijd om trouw te zijn hebben leren bidden: 'k verwacht Uw trouwe hulp van boven! Trouw betekent als we aan God denken, dat we op Hem aan kunnen! Als wij het beeld van God moeten en willen dragen, moeten God en de mensen ook op ons aan kunnen. U moet begrijpen dat dit niet kan zonder geloof in God en Zijn Woord, en niet zonder gebed tot God om Zijn hulp!

J. VanHarmelen

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In 1 Cor. 14 schrijft Paulus dat God geen God is van verwarring maar van vrede, liefde en orde. En dan voegt hij er aan toe dat de vrouwen moeten zwijgen in de gemeenten, met de toevoeging door de liefde van God's geest, want het is hen niet toegelaten om te spreken. Ook in 1 Tim. 2:12 zegt hij dat de vrouw niet zal onderwijzen en baas is over de man, maar stil moet zijn.

Als wij dat nu maar willen aanvaarden door een vast geloof en aanzien als door de Godgeest geschreven, dan heeft de Kerk des Heren er helemaal geen moeite mee om te aanvaarden dat God de vrouw geschapen heeft als moeder in het gezin, maar niet in het ambt. Als wij dat niet willen aanvaarden, dan wordt de Bijbel, God's Woord, dat een richtsnoer moet zijn voor heel ons leven, maar een gewoon boek voor ons.

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Marc Lalonde, Minister

uit Nederland

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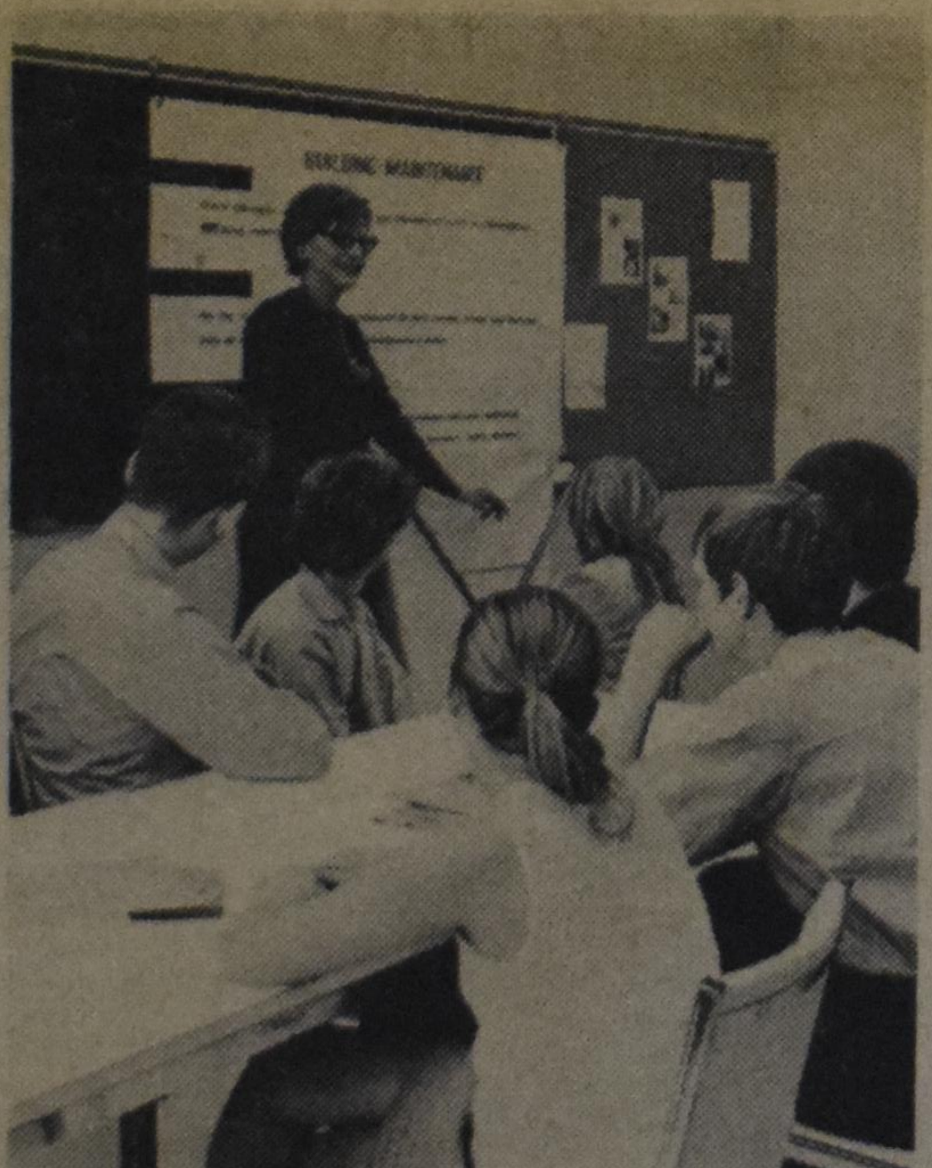

'Community Living' biedt een nieuwe toekomst voor de ontwikkeling van geestelijke gehandicapten.

Dit doet Ontario er aan.

Geestelijk gestoorde mensen zijn vaak in staat tot grotere ontwikkeling dan eerde voor mogelijk werd gehouden. Hoewel ze in een langzamer tempo dan anderen leren, kan de geestelijk gehandicapte dikwijls een vakkundigheid en bekwaamheid ontwikkelen die hen in staat stelt te integreren in de gemeenschap.

Het plan om dit doel te bereiken, bekend als ''Community Living'', wordt toegepast door het Ministerie van Gemeenschap en Sociale Diensten en wordt samen geleid met plaatselijke verenigingen voor geestelijk gestoorden en andere betrokken groepen. In beginsel stelt het dit voor:

* het scheppen en onderhouden van groepshuizen en andere soorten gemeenschappelijk onderdak.
* een toenemend aantal werkplaatsen en een vakkundig programma.
* programma's om kleuters al vroeg te stimuleren, ontlasting voor de ouders en project onwikkeling.
* toegang van de geestelijk gehandicapte tot alle gemeentelijke diensten.

Al deze activiteiten streven er naar een beter leven voor Ontario's geestelijk gehandicapten te bereiken, en hun ervaringen zo normaal mogelijk te doen zijn. De manier waarop is nieuw en goed. Het is een gezonde manier. Uw steun en begrip kunnen helpen het plan te doen slagen.

Voor meer informatie of om het gratis boekje ''Serving mentally retarded'' te ontvangen kunt u contact opnemen met uw plaatselijke Ministry of Community and Social Services, of schrijf naar:

Mental Retardation Community Services
Development Branch
3rd Floor, Hepburn Block,
Queens Park,
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Keith Norton,
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DE KEUS VAN 'T SMALLE PAD 25
een vervolgverhaal
door Gé Verhoog

''Wat doen we?'' vraagt de dominee, ''een commissie benoemen en hem trachten te behouden als lid? Zullen we als huisbezoek naar hem gaan?''

''Onbegonnen werk,'' meent men. ''Als Verbeek iets in zijn hoofd heeft, zit het niet in z'n tenen. We zijn hem kwijt als lid en moeten hem laten gaan.''

''Toch is het correct, hem een brief te sturen, waarin staat dat we het tot ons leedwezen aanvaarden,'' stelt meester Van Rijssen voor.

''En we moeten klant bij hem blijven,' vindt Maaswal. ''Waarom zullen we hem met de nek aanzien? We geloven toch in een algemene christelijke kerk? Dat betekent alle ware kerken bij elkaar, als ik me niet vergis.''

''U hebt zich niet vergist,'' zegt de dominee. ''Wij onderstrepen uw advies graag. Verbeek is en blijft een der onzen - kinderen van een God.''

Enkele dagen later ontvangt Verbeek de brief van de Kerkeraad; hij leest de inhoud tweemaal, dan bergt hij de brief in zijn zak. Na de maaltijd, als allen nog om de tafel zitten, haalt hij de brief tevoorschijn. ''Kinderen, ik en je moeder hebben iets gewichtigs besloten: we zijn van heden af niet meer Hervormd, maar Gereformeerd. De Gereformeerde Kerk heeft in haar belijdenisgeschriften een leer, die ons beter ligt dan de Hervormde leer - maar we vergeten niet, dat de Bijbel het fundament is van ons geloof. We leven in een vrij land, dus mogen we die kerk bezoeken, waarin we ons het beste thuisvoelen.''

''Zullen wij er ons ook in thuis voelen?'' vraagt Teunis, maar nu komt Henk in volle ernst los: ''Ja! Ik ben blij, dat vader eindelijk de knoop door gehakt heeft, want ik was allang met het Calvinisme bezig. Jacoba idem dito.''

''Wat moet ik?'' vraagt Klaartje, ''ik ben bij een Hervormde dominee in dienstbetrekking - moet ik hem ruilen voor de Gereformeerde?''

''Natuurlijk niet,'' stelt Verbeek vast. ''Beschouwen jullie dit niet als een afzondering - we moeten als mensen met elkaar dit leven door.''

''En als ik eens op een goeie dag met een Hervormd meisje kom aanzetten?'' wil Teunis weten.

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Canada heeft een nieuwe wet op het staatsburgerschap

Het werd van kracht op 15 februari 1977.

De dag waarop u uw Canadees Staatsburgerschap verkrijgt, met alle voorrechten en verplichtingen daaraan verbonden, zal voor u een dag wezen om trots op te zijn.

De nieuwe Wet op het Staatsburgerschap brengt geen verandering in de positie van hen die reeds Canadees Staatsburger zijn.

Gearriveerde emigranten die staatsburger willen worden zullen geinteresseerd zijn in de volgende wijzigingen onder de nieuwe wet:

1. Vrouwen en mannen worden gelijk behandeld - ongeacht hun echtelijke staat.
2. Aanvragers moeten drie jaar in Canada gewoond hebben.
3. De meerderjarigheidsleeftijd is 18 jaar.
4. Aanvragers van alle landen worden gelijk behandeld.

Evenals in het verleden is er een contributie voor aanvragers, maar ambtenaren van het Ministerie van de Staatssecretaris zullen kosteloos informatie verstrekken en assistentie verlenen bij het invullen van uw aanvraagformulier.

Voor meerdere informatie gelieve u te schrijven of een bezoek te brengen aan het dichtsbijzijnde Gerechtshof voor het Canadees Staatsburgerschap.

U kunt ook contact opnemen met:
De Ambtenaar voor het Canadees Staatsburgerschap
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Ottawa, Ont.
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Secretary of State — Secrétariat d'État
John Roberts, Minister — John Roberts, Ministre

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''Zorg jij eerst maar, dat je schoolmeester wordt en geld gaat verdienen,'' raadt Verbeek. ''Jij altijd met je onzinnige invallen. Leer liever je lessen.''

''Wat doen we met de catechisatie?'' vraagt moeder, ''het is straks oktober en de catechisatie begint.''

''Meteen naar de kerk waartoe we voortaan behoren,'' beslist Verbeek. ''Misschien kan Henk de vrijmoedigheid vinden naar de belijdenis-catechisatie te gaan en de anderen kunnen naar de gewone.''

''Jacoba en ik zijn van plan samen naar de belijdenis-lering te gaan,'' meldt Henk en dan glanzen de ogen van zijn vader ineens.

''God zij gedankt, m'n jongen.''

''Als onze nieuwe dominee - hoe heet hij? Dominee Franken, nu maar geen gouden zegelring draagt en een toga - '' peinst Teunis.

''Teunis, plaag je vader toch niet zo,'' waarschuwt moeder. ''Plagen?'' vraagt Teunis onschuldig, ''ik begrijp nog steeds niet waarom de man geen gouden ring mag dragen. De verloren zoon kwam als een vagebond, helemaal verliederlijkt thuis en kreeg een gouden ring van z'n vader!''

''Een gouden?'' vraagt Klaartje gevat ''staat er niet bij, broer.''

''Dat was niet voor de pronk,'' weet Verbeek, ''er is een groot verschil hoe je geschonken rijkdommen draagt - ik had niets aan die preek als ik zag hoe de dominee als een toneelspeler met zijn hand zo draaide, dat iedereen de ring wel moest zien en dan in die dwaze toga -'' Hij schudt het hoofd: ''Ik voel een grote vreugde in me, dat ik mocht doorzetten.'' Hij ziet naar de grote Statenbijbel van zeventien-honderdtwee, de uitgave van Pieter Keur - familiestuk met koperen sloten. Het is hem als glanst die Bijbel deze avond bizonder diep - als straalt er een gloed van uit, die hem blij en dankbaar maakt.

In de avond gaat Verbeek nog een uurtje naar Klaas Bley - hij is zo vol, hij moet zich uitspreken. Moeder blijft thuis, vanzelfsprekend. Klaartje is met haar moeder samen in de kleine woonkamer, ze hoort de deur dichtvallen achter Verbeek.

''Dat vader nooit eens met ons wil praten over die dingen,'' ontvalt het wat geergerd aan Klaartje.

''Wat bedoel je?'' vraagt moeder, ''vader praat altijd met ons.''

''Dat bedoel ik niet,'' licht Klaartje toe, ''nu gaat vader naar Klaas Bley en praat over de grote stap, praat over het geloof, praat over de gevolgen. Waarom praat vader niet met ons daarover?''

Moeder schudt het hoofd; ze haalt een gevallen steek uit de diepte van de zwarte sajet. ''Kind, hoe kan vader met ons praten - dat doen de mannen niet.''

'' 't Wordt tijd, dat de mannen dat wel gaan doen,'' vindt Klaartje. ''De vrouwen hebben ook hersens.''

''We moeten onze plaats kennen,'' verzucht moeder.

Klaartje trekt de kousenmand naar zich toe. ''Dat klinkt niet erg overtuigend,'' lacht ze even, ''ik geloof dat u het roerend met me eens bent - wees eens eerlijk?''

''Kind, hou toch op! Ik haal het niet in m'n hoofd je vader te bekapittelen - er staat in de Bijbel, dat de vrouwen moeten zwijgen.''

Naar een Nieuw Canada

door Marcus Van Steen

De paniekstemming die door een groot aantal dagbladen over geheel Canada werd gezaaid na de overwinning in Quebec van de Parti Quebecois bewijst overduidelijk dat men in de rest van Canada niet begrijpt wat er aan de hand is in Quebec. Premier Davis van Ontario heeft geprobeerd de situatie in realistische termen te analyseren. Hij zei dat de kiezers in Quebec eenvoudig op democratische wijze een nieuwe provinciale regering had gekozen. En hij zei dat hij met deze regering zou samenwerken op dezelfde wijze als waarmee met de vorige regeringen is samengewerkt.

Dat is het enige practische antwoord op een situatie die men in de loop van twee generaties heeft kunnen zien aankomen. Een Frans-Canadese historicus, Michel Brunet zegt dat men Quebeckers al vele jaren geleden kon horen zeggen dat zij baas in eigen huis wilden zijn, en de verkiezing van November was gewoon een verdere stap in die richting. De heer Brunet, die thans geschiedenis doceert aan de universiteit van Montreal, zegt verder dat men zich in Quebec terdege van bewust was van de ernst van hun beslissing, en dat men zich ten volle bewust is van de consequenties die men ook bereid is te accepteren. Het hangt nu van de rest van Canada af wat er gaat gebeuren.

Professor Brunet waarschuwt dat de rest van Canada zal moeten inzien wat men in Quebec al lang heeft begrepen namelijk dat Canada is veranderd. Het oude idee dat Canada bestaat uit een groep van min of meer gelijkdenkende provincies kunnen we wel vergeten. Het is eigenlijk nooit zo geweest, en we hadden dat lang geleden al onder ogen moeten zien.

Belangrijke informatie voor inkomsten belasting

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Vergeet het niet. Uw belastingformulier moet uiterlijk 30 april 's nachts gepost zijn.

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Multiculturalisme? Het ligt aan uzelf.

Het gehele idee dat achter Multiculturalisme ligt is Canadezen te helpen met elkaar op te schieten en elkanders achtergrond en verschillen te begrijpen.

Hoewel het een permanente Canadese regeringspolitiek is voor alle Canadezen, is Multiculturalisme een vrijwillige zaak. Het ligt in wezen aan onszelf om het tot werkelijkheid te maken.

Ons federale gouvernement voorziet ons met de volgende programmas en faciliteiten om ons te helpen onze culturele achtergrond te behouden.

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We are all healthy and strong,
Friends who all like us and help us along.
For all your presents, flowers and cards,
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

John & Willy Van Geel, Group 13, Box 31, R.R.#2, Fruitland, Ont. 2OR 1L0.

Births

HAMERSMA: We want to share our joy in the birth of our first child, ROBERT ALLAN, born March 3, 1977. Thanks and praise be to God. Happy parents are Bob & Jayne Hamersma, Box 13, Vineland Station. L0R 2E0. Grandparents are Mr.& Mrs. S.Hamersma, Peterborough, Ont. and Mr.& Mrs. T.Vellenga, Muskegon, Mich.

SINKE: We wish to thank God with grateful hearts for enriching our lives with our first born son, KEITH WILLIAM, born Feb.23. A son for Jasper and Wilma Sinke. First grandchild for Mr.& Mrs.H.Vander Vecht and Mr.& Mrs.J.Sinke. First great grandchild for Mr.& Mrs.A. Van Rooyen, Thamesford.

VANDERMOLEN: With great joy and thankfulness to God we are pleased to announce the arrival of our fourth child, a daughter, on Feb.21, 1977. We named her, MELANEE DAWN. A welcome sister for Rick, Geoff and Danny. Sixth grandchild for Mr.& Mrs.H. Vander Molen of St.Catharines, eleventh grandchild for Mr.& Mrs. G.Geerts of Hamilton. Vic and Neil Vandermolen (nee Geerts), 172 King St. W Bowmanville.

Anniversaries

1952 1977

For the Lord is a great King above all Gods. Psalm 95:3

On March 19, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents

ARIE VANDER LUGT
and
MENK VANDER LUGT
nee Kuyvenhoven

We thank the Lord for His faithfulness shown to us in the past and ask for His guidance in the years to come.

Their grateful children:
Gerrit, Peter, Corinne, Pauline and Leonard.

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Best wishes only

Anniversaries

We like to congratulate Joanne and Fred Ostermeyer with their 25th wedding anniversary on March 19, 1977. May the Lord always be with you.

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On Feb.28, 1977 we celebrated at the home of our oldest daughter, with our children and 3 grandchildren our 30th wedding anniversary.

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AND
and
TINA METSELAAR nee Hiemstra

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Family, friends and the children presented us with a trip to Florida on this happy occasion.

Warffum Chatham
1952 1977

Psalm 127:1,2: "Unless the Lord build the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.

On March 18, 1977, we hope to celebrate, the Lord willing, the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents

CLARENCE DEKKER
and
JANE DEKKER nee Straatsma

We are very grateful to God for His numerous blessings throughout the years of their marriage and pray for His continued guidance in the years ahead.

Congratulations from their thankful children:
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With joy and gratitude to our heavenly Father, we hope to celebrate, the Lord willing, the 25th wedding anniversary on March 18, 1977 of our parents and grandparents

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Anniversaries

Hoogeveen Woodstock
1952 1977

Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, O Lord. Psalm 4:6b

On March 15, 1977 we hope to celebrate with our parents the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary D.V.

JOHN AND MARY C.E.REINDERS
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We praise and thank God for His guiding hands and being with us through all these years, and pray for His guidance and care in future years to come.

Their thankful children and grandchild:
Robert & Grace Brown, Michael
At home: Richard and Glenn

Open House will be held on Saturday March 19, 1977 from 2-5 p.m.in the Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, Woodstock, Ont.
Home address: 817 Parkinson Rd. Woodstock, Ont.

Obituaries

In His infinite wisdom, the Lord took to Himself on Sunday Feb.27, 1977, our dear beloved wife, mother grandmother and great grandmother:

HENDRIKJE VAN DIJK-JONKER

at the age of 87 years, loving wife of Berend Van Dijk.

Loving mother of:
Carrot Creek, Alta.- Bessel & Dina
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Niton Junction, Alta.- Albert & Jo
John & Paula
Fort Langley, B.C.- Hennie & Jack

Twenty six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

It pleased the Lord to take into His eternal Home, our beloved wife, mother and grandmother:

FROUWKJE BOS - ROZEMA

who passed away February 21, 1977 at the age of 79.

Ps. 91:1: He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

Dear wife of Ype Bos
Mother of:
Port Alberni, B.C.- Ann & John te Winkel
Redcliff, Alta. - John & Shirley Bos
Clinton, B.C.- Joe & Johanna Bos
and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral took place February 25, 1977. Home address: 454 - 4th St. N.W., Medicine Hat, Alta.

Nu laat Gij, Heer, Uw dienstknecht gaan in vrede, naar Uw woord.
Uit genade ingegaan tot het feest van zijn Heer mijn lieve man, onze vader en grootvader

WILLEM TOM
dienstknecht van Jezus Christus

oud 75 jaar.
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Pretoria (Z.A.)-J.Trennen-Tom
K.J.Trennen
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De Bilt, 19 februari 1977.
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JK Niagara Falls
Uit de Groninger Kerkbode

Teachers Wanted

ONTARIO

AYLMER: The Immanuel Christian School of Aylmer, Ont. will be in need of Primary, Junior and Remedial teachers for the 1977/78 school year. Please forward applications to; William Hordyk, Principal, 75 Caverly Rd., Aylmer, Ont. N5H2P6 Tel.(519) 773-8476.

BARRIE: Timothy Christian School, 49 Ferris Lane, Barrie, Ont., L4M 2Y1, invites applications for teaching positions in the intermediate and senior grades. Direct inquiries to: Andy Borger, principal. Phone: 726-6621 school or 458-4502 home.

BELLEVILLE: PRAISE THE LORD! for with His help a new Chr.High School will be established in the Quinte area. It is the association's intention to set up a composite school. Needed: Principal-teacher for grade nine. Address applications to: Hank Schaly, R.R.#5, Belleville, Ont.

BOWMANVILLE: Durham Chr.-High School invites applications for an English teacher for the 1977/78 school year. Send all correspondence to: Ren Siebenga, Principal, Box 238, Bowmanville, Ont.

BRAMPTON: The John Knox Chr. School of Brampton, Ont., invites applications for possible teaching positions, starting September 1977. Please contact: I.Witteveen, principal, 82 McLaughlin Rd., S. Brampton, Ont. L6Y 2C7, tel.: 416-451-3236

Teachers Wanted

ONTARIO

BOWMANVILLE: Knox Chr.School Bowmanville, Ont., invites applications for teaching positions in Grades 5,6 and 8. Please send all applications stating experience and qualifications to Mr.Fred Bosma, principal, P.O.Box 218, Bowmanville, Ont. L1C 3K9. Or phone (416) 623-5871 - office, (416) 623-7665 home.

CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge District Christian High School is seeking applicants for the 1977-78 academic year. The high school will be offering grades 9, 10 and 11. The applicants should be qualified in math and science and/or social science. Send letters of application to: Mr.Richard Poortinga, Chairman, Education Committee, Cambridge District Chr.High School, Box 26, Cambridge, Ont.

CHATHAM: Chatham District Chr. Secondary School requires teachers of history, geography and mathematics for September 1977. For inquiries contact: Anton Brink, principal, 90 Park Ave., E., Chatham, Ont. N7M 3V4. Tel.1-352-4591 school, 1-519-352-9348, home

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Teachers Wanted

ONTARIO

CLINTON: The Clinton Distr.Chr. School has the following vacancies for the 1977/78 school year: One teacher for the primary grades, one half-time teacher for kindergarten, one half-time teacher for principals relief. Please write for information to the principal Mr.R.Schuurman, Box 658, Clinton, Ont. N0M1L0 or phone: 510-482-7851 (school) or 519-482-7088 (home)

COLLINGWOOD: Praise the Lord! The Collingwood Christian School Society will be establishing, the Lord willing, an elementary interdenominational Christian School, beginning Sept.1977. The Society is inviting applications for the positions of a teaching principal and one additional staff member. If you are interested in becoming part of a team that desires to make Chr.Ed. available to the children of committed christians within the Collingwood community, and becoming part of a growing School Society located in "Blue Mountain Country", please send your inquiries or applications to: Collingwood Christian School Society, Box 405, Collingwood, Ont., L9Y 2L8. Ph.(705) 428-3047 or 429-3271.

GUELPH: John Calvin Chr.School, Guelph, Ont., invites applications for a teacher for grade 3 and 4 or 5 and 6 or 7 and 8 in the schoolyear 1977/78. Send applications to: Agnes Struik, 290 Water St., Guelph, Ont. N1G 1B8 or call: Agnes Struik at (519) 824-8860.

JARVIS: Jarvis district Christian School invites applications for the following positions: one full-time teacher, half-time for grade 8 and half-time for remedial education; one teacher for a single primary grade; and there may be possible positions in the junior grades. Please send all application inquiries to: Pete Weening, Principal, R.R.1, Jarvis, Ont. N0A 1J0, or phone: 587-4444 or 428-0887.

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Teachers Wanted

ONTARIO

OTTAWA: The Ottawa Christian School invites teachers to apply for September 1977/78. Areas of need are grade 2-5, Remedial and French instruction. Please forward all inquiries to Mr.Huber Huyer, principal. The Ottawa Chr.School, 2191 Benjamin Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K2A 1P6.

OWEN SOUND: The Timothy Chr. School of Owen Sound, Ont., invites applications for a teaching principal for the next schoolyear. Please forward applications to Timothy Christian School, Box 820, Owen Sound, Ont.

ST.THOMAS. Ebenezer Chr.School St.Thomas will have a grade 1 and 2 combination vacancy for Sept.1977. Please direct inquiries to: principal Mr.John Pouli, 77 Fairview Ave., St.Thomas, Ont. N5R 4X7. Phone: (519) 633-0690.

SARNIA: Lambton Christian High School will have possible openings in the areas of English, History, Mathematics and Science. We are looking for competent teachers whose faith in Christ will shine through their work and life. Reply to: Mel Huizinga, principal, L.C. H.S., 295 Essex St., Sarnia, Ont. N7T 4S3. Tel. 519-337-9122

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THUNDER BAY: Thunder Bay Christian School requires teaching principal for grade 8 and a teacher for the higher grades for Sept.1977. For inquiries contact: P.Zandstra, secr., R.R.#3, Thunder Bay, Ont. P7C4V2. Tel. 807-939-2377.

TRENTON: Trenton Chr. School will need a teacher for the grade 2/3 level for the 1977-78 school year. Please address your application or inquiries to Mr. J. Vreugdenhil, Principal, Trenton Chr. School, 20 Fourth Ave. Trenton, Ont. K8V 5N3. Tel. (613) 392-3600.

WOODSTOCK: The John Knox Christian School will have openings in the primary and intermediate grades for Sept.1977. Please send your application and inquiries to: R. VanderPloeg, Principal, 1045 Parkinson Rd. Woodstock, Ont. Phone (school): (519) 539-1492; (Home): 539-2117.

WYOMING, ONT.: John Knox Chr.School requires teachers for a combined 3 and 4 class and a 5 and 6 combination beginning Sept.1977. Please direct inquiries and applications to John Lunshof (principal), Box 81, Wyoming, Ont. N0N 1T0. Tel.(519) 845-3112 or home (519) 845-0295.

ALBERTA

LACOMBE: The Lacombe Chr. School invites applications for the following positions: Math/Science for Junior High; 2 openings in primary & intermediate grades. Present enrollment has 177 students with 9 fulltime staff.
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Teachers Wanted

ALBERTA

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RED DEER: The Red Deer Christian School invites applications for teaching positions in combined grades 5 and 6 and possibly 7 and 8. Major concentration in Math/Science or English/Social Studies. Please send applications and inquiries to the principal, Mr.K.Steenwyk, 14 McVicar St., Red Deer, Alberta. T4N 0M2 .

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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AGASSIZ: Agassiz Christian School needs a teaching principal for the 1977-78 school term. Address applications to S.L.Toering, principal, Box 323, 7571 Morrow Rd.Agassiz, B.C.

CHILLIWACK: Chilliwack Elementary Christian School invites applications for experienced teachers for the school year 1977-78. Send resume to Mrs. G. Hogeterp, 9800 McNaught Rd., Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 6G2.

DUNCAN: The Duncan Chr. School Board invites applications for the positions of teaching principal and primary teachers beginning Sept. 1977. Please send your letters of inquiry and/or applications to the principal: Mr.H.J. Bulthuis, 1031 Chaster St., Duncan, B.C. V9L 2K8. Call: 604-748-9725 and school 604-746-5341

MAPLE RIDGE: The board of the Haney-Pitt Meadows Christian School invites applications for teaching positions in the primary and intermediate grades for the coming school year, beginning September 1977. Please send correspondence to: The Education Committee, Mrs.R.VanderWal, secretary, 12138-206th St. ,Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 1T7, or phone (604)-465-9371.

Teachers Wanted

BRITISH COLUMBIA

PRINCE GEORGE,B.C.: The Prince George Association for Christian Education will start an inter-denominational elementary Christian School in September 1977. We are inviting applications for the positions of teaching-principal and two teachers. Please send responses to our education committee, Box 1272, Prince George, B.C. or phone Rev.A.Groen, (604) 563-2639.

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PEUSSCHERS, Bernard, geb.31 mei 1914 te Strijp
VERLEGH, Paula, Dymhna J.A., geb.14 aug. 1950,
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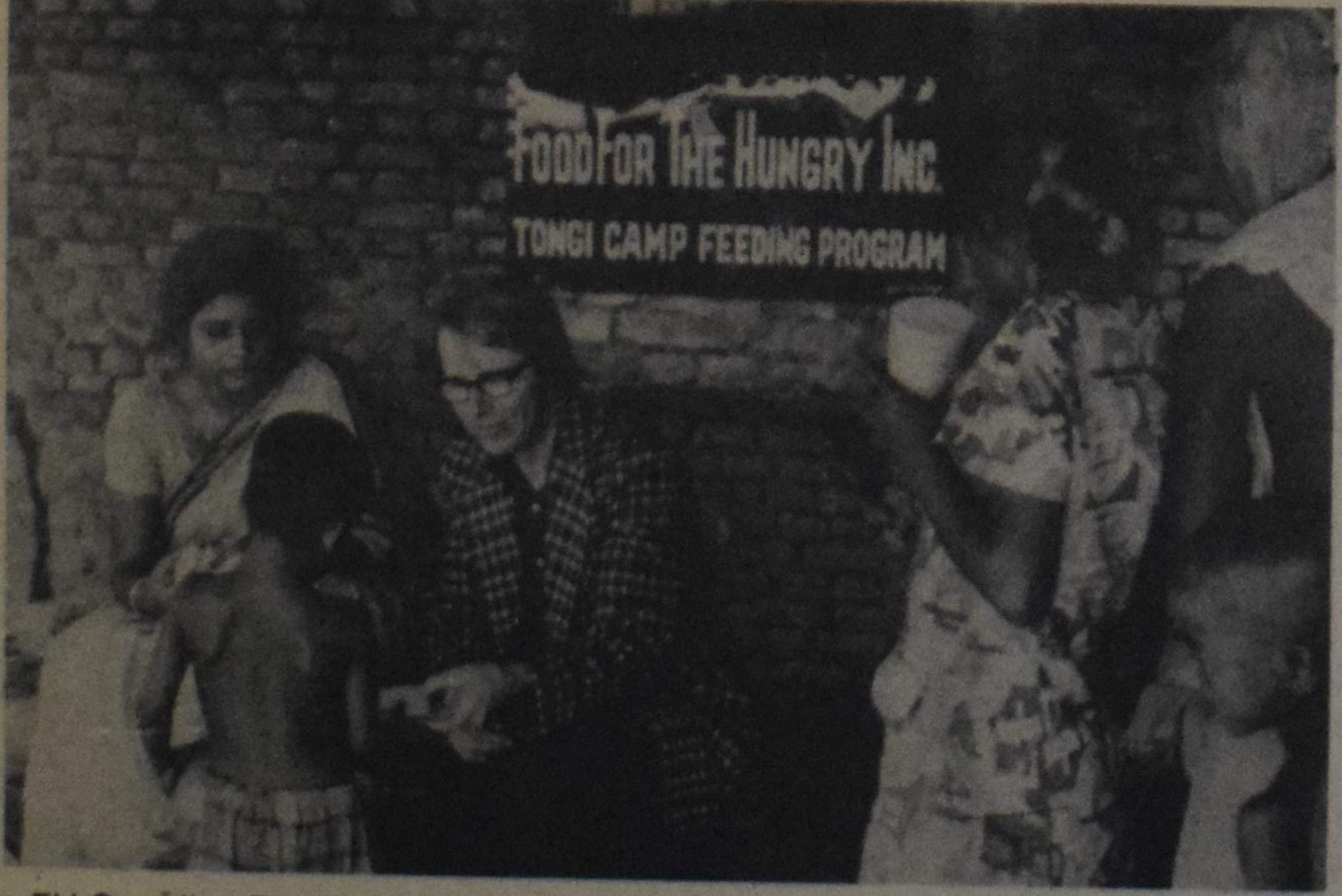

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THINGS WE'VE READ

No-Fault Marriage by Marcia Lasswell & Norman M.Lobsenz, 252 p., published by Doubleday.

Reviewed by Mary Vander Vennen, Christian Counselling Services, Toronto.

There are so many self-help books on marriage on the market today that we weary of the subject, not to mention the sometimes conflicting advice we hear.

No-Fault Marriage is certainly one of the better books. It is an attempt to help couples become their own counsellors. Mrs.Laswell is a qualified, experienced marriage counsellor, and she lets the reader in on her procedures, thinking and therapeutic techniques. She also includes many excerpts from interviews with couples, which are helpful.

No couple would go wrong in reading this book and applying the principles of communication, problem-solving, etc. to their marriage. It seems to me, though, that couples who would benefit most are those who are already capable of detaching themselves emotionally to some extent from their difficulty and are therefore able to apply problem-solving methods. Self-counselling as described here also is primarily a verbal exercise. Couples who "can't talk" or for whom unfortunately talking is simply not a value, will find the book "over their heads".

If you can use a book on self-counselling, I highly recommend this one.

This we can believe, *by Randolph Crump Miller, published by Hawthorn Books, Inc., New York; 200 pages.*
Reviewed by Rev. J. Kuntz, pastor of the Covenant C.R.C. St.Catharines, Ont.

This book is meant to be "a positive affirmation of Christian Faith for today's men and women". It seeks to explain the Christian Faith in terms "that makes sense". The first sentence of the book sheds light on what is stated in the title: "It is difficult to know what we can believe in these days". What is left? What can still be accepted in faith? What can we believe about the Bible, about God, Jesus Christ, the church?

The result is a religion "interpreted by our rational powers", with a God who is called "a process", and who is at work, but not in complete control, with a Jesus who may have been wrong occasionally and with a bible whose authority simply rests on the discovery that it is so often right. But there are no fixed truths.

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